



# MAY SANDS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

A public school of choice

1400 United Street #110, Key West, Florida 33040

## Meeting Minutes: Board of Directors

March 29, 2017

**Present:** Lynn Barras, Principal; Briana Castillo, President; Alex Thommes, Vice President, Melissa Trader, Treasurer; Patrick Rice, Secretary; Amy Bradshaw, Board Member; Ed Dawicki, Board Member; Kristen Winters, PR committee member.

**Absent (excused):** Nancy Brundage; Board Member; Jen Stefanacci; Board Member; Layla Barr, Board Member; Amy Stotts, Parent Liaison.

**Meeting called to order: 4:33 PM**

### Motion to Approve Agenda:

- Melissa moved and Alex 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Unanimous approval

### Program Reports:

- Kindergarten Ms. Suzanne
  - Geography
    - Where we are in the Universe
    - Time on the clock and Calendars
  - Science
    - Animals – verts and inverts
- Lower Elem – Ms. Kristin
  - Science
    - Universe and solar system
    - Trivia
    - Inverts for the remainder of the year
    - Just finished N. America
  - ELA test prep
  - Math – on the computer
- Upper Elementary – Ms. Penny
  - Earth Day
    - Schoolwide celebration
  - Review for FSA testing
  - Requested Board Members come to classroom
  - Discussed classroom teaching actions and strategy
  - Need lamination and requested board consider budget adjustment
- Middle School – Ms. Shannon (Ms. Jenny by proxy)
  - Science
    - Collaborating on Earth Day celebration
    - Anatomy and body systems
    - Math – reviewing for end of course testing
    - Discussed FSA testing in May 2017
    - Map of USA
    - Used the musical Hamilton as a teaching tool for history lesson – very successful
    - Discussed World Peace Game

### President's Report:

- Discussed Community Board applications
  - Two applications



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- Two community member vacancies
- At least one interested party
- Discussed one year delay before children are eligible
- Board elections in Dec.
- Discussed a change to the bylaws to read – 1 academic year before children are eligible to bypass lottery.

## **Secretary's Report:**

- No changes to minutes
- Ed, Melissa 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Unanimous approval

## **Treasurer's Report (Melissa):**

- Federally Impact Survey funding for military students from previous years
  - \$14,400 for last AY
  - \$17,000 for this year
- Briana moved; Ed 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Unanimous approval

## **Principal's Report:**

- Discussed MSMS Academic Calendar
  - Ed moved, Alex 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Unanimous approval
- Ms. Katie received certification from Sea Coast
- Lynn nominated Ms. Katie for Chamber of Commerce Teacher recognition
- FSA testing ongoing
- End of April State assessment for grades 4-8
- Infrastructure postponed
- 41 Chrome books in use
- \$\$ from FIS above will be used to by 41 more Chrome books
- Tech funds for current year will be used for staff
- Strategic plan progress
  - Need to focus on student choice enrichment options
- Discussed lease
  - On Monday at 8:45 AM
  - Discussed further PR exposure of the lease issue
  - 15% savings on staff insurance

## **Committee Reports:**

- Grants Committee
  - Patrick submitted Mote Protect Our Reef grant to develop Marine Environmental Education Program

## **Citizen Input - None**

**Next meeting – April 26, 2017 at 4:30 PM**

## **Motion to adjourn:**

- Melissa moved, Amy 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Unanimous approval

Board Secretary,  
Patrick Rice